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SUBJECT: KENYA/SUDAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED

1. SUMMARY: THE THIRD KENYA/SUDAN JOINT MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ENDED IN NAIROBI JUNE 22 WITH RELEASE OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE. THE COMMUNIQUE STRESSED THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS PREVAILING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IT NOTED THE SIGNING OF A NEW BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT REPLACING THE 1969 AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENCOURAGE GROWTH OF BALANCED TRADE BETWEEN KENYA AND SUDAN. THE KENYANS STATED THEIR INTENTION TO OPEN A RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN KHARTOUM. (THERE IS ALREADY A SUDANESE EMBASSY IN NAIROBI.) THE DELEGATIONS WERE HEADED BY THE RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS. THE SUDANESE DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT KENYATTA ON JUNE 21. END SUMMARY.

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2. DELEGATIONS FROM KENYA AND SUDAN CONCLUDED A THREE-DAY MEETING OF THE ANNUAL JOINT MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE IN NAIROBI JUNE 22. THE SUDANESE TEAM WAS LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER DR. MANSOUR KHALID AND INCLUDED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND THE REGIONAL MINISTER FOR COMMERCE (SOUTHER REGION). FOREIGN MINISTER DR. MUNYUA WAIYAKI HEADED THE KENYAN DELEGATION WHICH COMPRISED

OF THE MINISTERS FOR WATER DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND SOCIAL SERVICES, POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS, WORKS, INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING, AND COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

3. ECONOMIC RELATIONS DOMINATED THE AGENDA, WHICH CULMINATED IN THE SINGING OF A NEW BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT REPLACING AN EARLIER 1969 TREATY. THE 1977 AGREEMENT SOUGHT TO ENCOURAGE A MORE BALANCED TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, WHICH HAS BEEN OVERWHELMINGLY IN KENYA'S FAVOR. NO LIMITS WILL BE PLACED ON INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND PAYMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED IN ANY FREEDLY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY.

4. THE COMMITTEE FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT REGULAR MEETINGS BE HELD BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RESPECTIVE CENTRAL BANKS TO REGULATE CURRENCY EXCHANGES AND RELATED LICENSING WAS ALSO ACCEPTED. THE MINISTERS PLEDGED TO CONTINUE COOPERATION IN THE FIELDS OF WATER DEVELOPMENT, SUGAR TECHNOLOGY, AGRICULTURE, TOURISM, CIVIL AVIATION, AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS.

5. IN THEIR FINAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE, THE DELEGATIONS RE-AFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF AFRICA AND CONDEMNED THE MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. SUPPORT WAS LIKEWISE EXPRESSED FOR MOZAMBIQUE'S CALL FOR AN URGENT MEETING OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL  
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TO DISCUSS RHODESIA'S INCURSIONS INTO MOZAMBIQUE TERRITORY.

6. COMMENT: KENYA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH SUDAN HAS TAKEN ON INCREASING IMPORTANCE OVER PAST YEAR AS KENYA HAS BEEN FORCED TO REASSESS VALUE OF ITS HERETOFORE CLOSE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONNECTIONS WITH ETHIOPIA. MOREOVER, THE KENYAN GOVERNMENT IS VIEWING STRENGTHENED TRADE TIES WITH THE SUDAN AS A NECESSARY ALTERNATIVE TO WEAKENED MARKETS IN TANZANIA AND UGANDA. FACT ALONE THAT KENYATTA RECEIVED SUDANESE IS SIGNIFICANT IN THAT FOREIGN DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED RARELY AT STATE HOUSE OVER PAST SEVERAL MONTHS.  
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